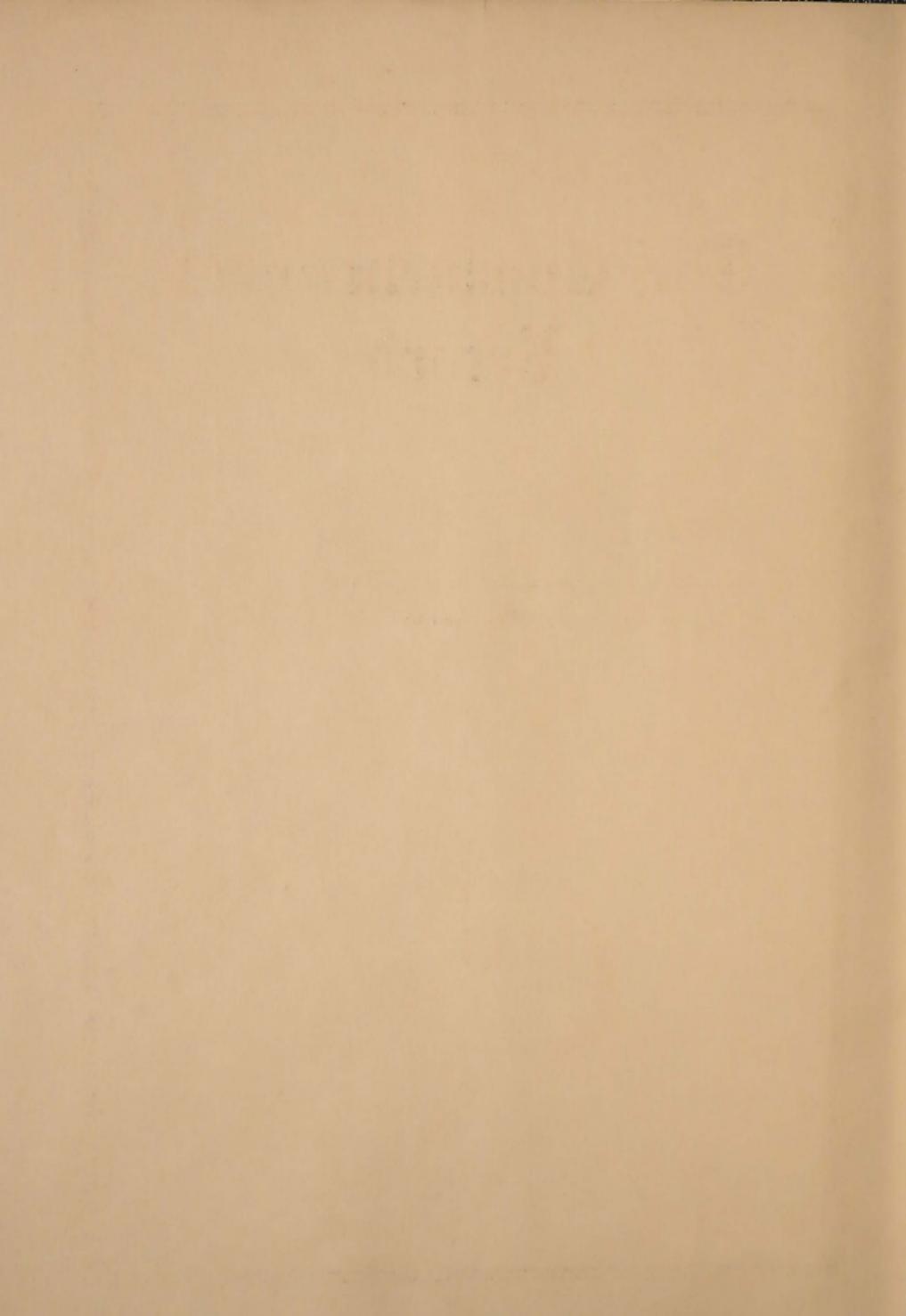


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# The Commencement Record



Class of January  
1928



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*An Account of the Achievements  
of the Class of January 1928*



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*LET us remember those who have  
helped us, those who have guided,  
taught, and prayed for us. Let us show  
them appreciation by making our lives  
worthy.*

## Editorial

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Old names come back to one—names of those who have long ago departed, those who were slothful and lazy, those who were dissatisfied and unappreciative. They are shadowy unreal personalities now, whose whereabouts and fortunes are unknown and hardly thought of. They serve but as a contrasting background for the foresight and perseverance of those who carried on. That is the main point to bear in mind, to remember that some carried on—not that some fell by the wayside. Perhaps it was from a sense of duty, perhaps from a faint uncertainty as to the ultimate desirability of dropping out of the race; but whatever the reason, as time went on, the wisdom of perseverance became apparent.

Slow development under careful restraint and encouragement, together with a systematic training of mind and body, brings lasting and worthwhile results. It is known and proved that the result of any labor or energy depends directly upon the material dealt with and its treatment. All worth-while creations require a good beginning; and if this beginning is satisfactory to the conditions influencing its development, it will largely determine the general nature of the final product. Science teaches us that pure iron, when combined with other elements, still contains its basic characteristics; and, though its very form and appearance may change, the fundamentals still identify the compounds as containing iron. The base, the origin, the beginning, then, is the determining factor. When great effort is spent in strengthening and refining this essential, the worth of the result is assured.

Metal which in this way has been fused and tempered and forged is stronger than crude cast pigs. It is fine metal which is employed where flawless support and resistance are demanded. The strength of a great skyscraper depends upon its foundation; catastrophe will result unless this foundation can endure the weight and strain. If, then, the construction of the foundation is laid carefully and painstakingly, the whole building profits thereby. On the other hand, if the construction is poor and incomplete, it results in weak foundations—the entire structure is endangered.

This same is true in our lives. Here our lives are the edifices which we must build; the years of our youth are the foundation. The discipline, the work and study, the petty privations, these are the fires by which our iron is tempered. Our futures depend upon how we are trained, how we adapt ourselves to preparation here. If we have not completed our education, if we have loafed and cheated, if we have not used our opportunities, then have our foundations been neglected—not by others, but by ourselves. But, if on the other hand, we have borne up and profited by the discipline, the work and study, the petty privations, then we have forged for ourselves secure foundations.

The best Girard could offer us has been opportunity, instruction, plans and formulae, materials, advice, influence, discipline. Now as we ourselves assume the responsibility of our futures, it remains for us to build worthy structures upon these foundations.

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*Newaygo, Mich.*

President of Class, J-1, S-2  
 Vice-President of Class, J-2, S-1  
 Supply Sergeant in Battalion  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Letter for basket-ball, '28  
 Numerals for soccer, '26  
 Letter for soccer, '27  
 Vice-President of Athletic Committee, S-2



LESTER I. ADAMS

*Chinchilla, Pa.*

Second Honor Student  
Distinguished in Mathematics and Science  
Supply Sergeant in Battalion  
Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
Letters for swimming, '27, '28  
Henry Kraemer Chemistry Prize, S-1  
Vice-President of Chemistry Club, S-1  
President of Chemistry Club, S-2

JAMES M. ANDERSON

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

First Lieutenant in Band  
Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
Remington Typing Certificate



FRANK BALAS

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
Remington and Underwood Typing Certificates

*Frank J. Balas  
1928*



HAROLD S. BEECHER

*West Chester, Pa.*

Assistant Concertmaster of Orchestra  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Remington Typing Medal  
 Remington Typing Certificate

ARTHUR N. BRAUN

*Jenkintown, Pa.*

Lieutenant in Battalion  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Numerals for gym, '27  
 Letter for gym, '28  
 Remington Typing Certificate  
 Palmer Certificate

*Arthur N. Braun*  
*M. Braun*  
*Arthur N. Jack*



ROBERT B. BURLEIGH

*Chinchilla, Pa.*

Letter for basket-ball, '28  
 Letter for tennis, '27  
 Letter for soccer, '27



HOWARD J. BYE

*Ashland, Pa.*

Numerals for basket-ball, '27  
Numerals for soccer, '26  
Secretary of Dramatic Club, S-2

GERALD W. DIETER

*Lykens, Pa.*

Distinguished in Commercial Studies  
Captain in Battalion  
Captain of company placing second in Competitive Drill  
Letter for basket-ball, Manager, '28  
Numerals for basket-ball, Ass't Manager, '27  
Remington and Underwood Typing Medals  
Remington and Underwood Typing Certificates  
Palmer Certificate  
Treasurer of Commercial Club, S-2  
Member of House Committee, S-1  
Member of Conference Committee, S-2



GEORGE DI LAURO

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Member of Band, 7-B-J-1  
Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
Underwood Typing Medal  
Remington, Royal and Underwood Typing Certificates  
Palmer Certificate  
L'Alliance Francais Medal



*"Joe" Di Renza*

JOSEPH T. DI RENZA

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Letter for basket-ball, '28  
 Numerals for basket-ball, '27  
 Letter for baseball, '27  
 Numerals for gym, '25  
 Letter for gym, '26  
 Numerals for soccer, '26  
 Letter for soccer, '27  
 President of Radio Club, J-2

HUGH W. EDWARDS

*Courtdale, Pa.*

Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2



DAYTON E. FROELICH

*Souderton, Pa.*

Distinguished in Art  
 Remington Typing Certificate  
 F. A. Brégy Art Prize, '27  
 Art Prize for General Ability, '25  
 President of Philatelic Club, J-1  
 Member of Art Class



EARL R. GRAHAM

*Merchantville, N. J.*

Sergeant in Battalion  
Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
Letter for basket-ball, '28  
Numerals for soccer, '26  
Letter for soccer, '27  
Palmer Certificate  
President of Chess and Checker Club, S-2

LA VERNE HARDING

*Wilkes Barre, Pa.*

President of Class, J-2  
Lieutenant in Battalion  
Member of Glee Club, J-2, S-1  
Numerals for soccer, '26  
Letter for soccer, '27  
Member of House Committee, J-2



LOUIS W. HEAVNER

*Palmyra, N. J.*

Sergeant-Major in Battalion  
Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
Vice-President of Glee Club, S-2  
Letter for baseball, '27  
Numerals for soccer, '27  
President of Dramatic Club, S-2



VERNON C. HESSER

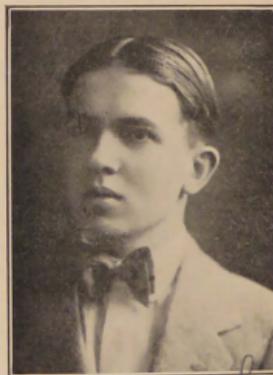
*Scranton, Pa.*

Adjutant in Battalion  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Numerals for soccer, '26  
 Numerals for track, '27  
 Vice-President, Chess and Checker Club, S-1

CARL HORNICK

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Member of Art Class

*Carl Hornick*

JOHN C. HUNTER

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Captain in Battalion  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Letters for gym, '26, '27, '28  
 Vice-President of Dramatic Club, S-2



EDWARD JONES

*Plymouth, Pa.*

Numerals for baseball, '27  
Letter for basket-ball, '28  
Numerals for soccer, '26  
Letter for soccer, '27  
President of Electrical Club, S-2

MELVILLE W. KERNEY

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
Letter for cheer leading, '27



JONATHAN H. KISTLER  
*Tamaqua, Pa.*

Lieutenant in Battalion  
Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
Letter for tennis, '27  
Underwood Typing Certificate  
Palmer Certificate  
Joseph C. Campbell Penmanship Prize  
Associate Editor of "The Girard Magazine"  
Associate Editor of "The Girard News"  
Editor of "The Commencement Record"  
Secretary of Philatelic Club, J-1



ROBERT A. KUGLER

*Norristown, Pa.*

Captain in Battalion  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Librarian of Glee Club, S-2  
 Remington and Royal Typing Certificates  
 Palmer Certificate  
 First Prize, Declamation Contest  
 Treasurer of Commercial Club, S-1  
 President of Commercial Club, S-2

WILLIAM LAYMAN

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Senior Color Sergeant in Battalion  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Numerals for basket-ball, '27  
 Numerals for soccer, '26  
 Letter for soccer, '27  
 Numerals for track, '27  
 Remington Typing Certificate  
 Palmer Certificate



JOSEPH H. LENNOX

*Overbrook, Pa.*

Senior Captain in Battalion  
 Captain of company winning Competitive Drill  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Numerals for track, '27  
 Letter for cheer leading, '27  
 Remington and Royal Typing Certificates  
 Royal Silver Accuracy Pin  
 Palmer Certificate  
 Secretary of Commercial Club, S-1  
 Member of Conference Committee, S-1, S-2  
 Member of House Committee, J-2





ALFRED G. LISI

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Treasurer of Class, J-2-S-2  
Assistant Business Manager of Class, J-1  
Sergeant in Battalion  
Underwood Typing Medal  
Royal Typing Certificate  
Palmer Certificate  
Second Prize, Thrift Essay  
Associate Editor of "The Girard News"  
Vice-President of Naturalist Club, J-2

OSCAR D. MABRY

*Womelsdorf, Pa.*

First Honor Student  
Distinguished in English, Spanish and Commercial Studies  
Secretary of Class, J-2-S-2  
Captain of Band  
Member of Orchestra  
Member of Glee Club, S-2  
Royal and Underwood Typing Certificates  
Remington, Royal, Underwood Typing Medals  
Palmer Certificate  
Vice-President of Philatelic Club, J-1  
Secretary of Camera Club, S-2



FRANK T. MACOWSKY

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
President of Glee Club, S-2  
Numerals for baseball, '26  
Letter for baseball, '27  
Numerals for basket-ball, '26  
Letter for basket-ball, '27  
Numerals for soccer, '26  
Letter for soccer, '27  
President of Athletic Council, S-2



MONRÖE MAYER

*Island Heights, N. J.*

Sergeant in Battalion

Letters for swimming, '27, '28

Captain of swimming team, '28

Remington and Underwood Typing Certificates

*Monroe Mayer  
alias "Spike"*

JAMES MOOD

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Numerals for soccer, '26

Letter for soccer, '27

Remington and Royal Typing Certificates

Palmer Certificate



*James J. Mood*



FRED MYERS

*Nescopeck, Pa.*

## ARTHUR E. NACKMAN

*Lutz, Fla.*

Distinguished in English  
 Treasurer of Class, J-1  
 Lieutenant in Battalion  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Royal and Underwood Typing Certificates  
 Palmer Certificate  
 Third Prize, Declamation Contest  
 Second Prize, Shenandoah Essay  
 First Prize, Thrift Essay  
 Editor of "The Girard Magazine"  
 Editor-in-Chief of "The Girard News"  
 Editor of "The Commencement Record"  
 Secretary of Chess Club, J-2



## WILLIAM J. NORRIS

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Third Honor Student  
 Distinguished in English  
 Secretary of Class, J-1  
 Business Manager of Class, S-1, S-2  
 Sergeant in Battalion  
 Numerals for gym, '27  
 Remington and Underwood Typing Certificates  
 Palmer Certificate  
 Honorable mention, Declamation Contest  
 President of Literary and Debating Society, S-2



## ROBERT H. O'BOYLE

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Librarian of Glee Club, S-2  
 Numerals for basket-ball, '26  
 Numerals for soccer, '26, '27

## CHARLES W. PEALER

*Orangeville, Pa.*

President of Class, S-1

Vice-President of Class, S-2

Captain in Battalion

Letter in gym, '26-28; Captain, '28

Royal and Underwood Typing Certificates

Palmer Certificate

Second Prize, Declamation Contest

Associate Editor of "The Girard Magazine"

Associate Editor of "The Girard News"

Editor of "The Commencement Record"

Secretary of Commercial Club

Member of Conference Committee, S-2

Member of Athletic Committee



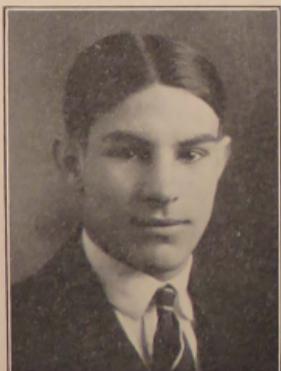
*of. Chas. Pealer*

*"Charlie"*

## ALVIN PEPPLER

*Philadelphia, Pa.*Remington Typing Certificate  
Palmer Certificate

*Alvin "Al" Peppler*



## WILLIAM READ

*Spangler, Pa.*

Supply Sergeant in Battalion

Letters for swimming, '27, '28

Palmer Certificate



CALVIN REILLY

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Numerals for soccer, '26

*J. Calvin Reilly  
"Rags"*

CORNELIUS DALE REINECKER

*York, Pa.*

Color Sergeant in Battalion

Letter for basket-ball, '26

Numerals for baseball, '27

Numerals for soccer, '25

Letters for soccer, '26, '27

Captain of soccer team, '27

Vice-President of Radio Club, S-1



HARRY E. ROBINSON

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Lieutenant in Battalion

Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2

Numerals for swimming, '27

Letter for swimming, '28

Palmer Certificate



RALPH RUBIN

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Member of Glee Club, S-1  
 Letter for swimming, Manager, '28  
 Remington and Royal Typing Certificates  
 Palmer Certificate  
 Secretary of Athletic Committee

*Ralph Comm*

JOHN J. SCHUCK

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Member of Glee Club, S-1, S-2  
 Palmer Certificate  
 Associate Editor of "The Girard News"  
 Editor of "The Commencement Record"



LESTER H. SCHULTZ

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Vice-President of Camera Club, S-1  
 President of Camera Club, S-2



EDWIN SHORTLIDGE

*Columbia, Pa.*

Member of Band and Orchestra, 7-B-S-1  
Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
Numerals for soccer, Assistant Manager, '26  
Letter for soccer, Manager, '27  
Royal Typing Medal  
Underwood Typing Certificate  
Palmer Certificate  
Secretary of Camera Club, S-1  
Vice-President of Camera Club, S-2

*Edwin G. Shortlidge*

FRANK PITCHER SMITH

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

First Lieutenant in Battalion  
Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
Letter for cheer leading, '27  
First prize, Shenandoah Essay  
Member of Conference Committee, J-1-S-1



HARRY STANSHINE

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Business Manager of Class, J-1, J-2  
Monitor of Orchestra  
Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-1  
Remington and Underwood Typing Certificates  
Joseph C. Campbell Penmanship Prize

*Frank P. Smith '28*  
*Jan. 1928*



CHARLES K. VARE

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Numerals for soccer, '26  
 Remington and Royal Typing Certificates  
 Palmer Certificate

JOSEPH VARELLO

*Philadelphia, Pa.*

Concertmaster of Orchestra  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Member of staff of "The Girard Bulletin"



*Joseph Varello*



RICHARD J. WILLIAMS

*Gettysburg, Pa.*

Vice-President of Class, J-1  
 Lieutenant in Battalion  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2  
 Numerals for basket-ball, '26  
 Numerals for soccer, '27  
 Letter for tennis, '27  
 Member of House Committee, J-1

*Richard J. Williams*



HAROLD YOCUM

*Norristown, Pa.*

Distinguished in Mathematics and Drafting  
 Quartermaster Sergeant in Battalion  
 Member of Glee Club, J-2-S-2

*H.W. Yocum*

### The Last Word

The Class of January 1928 reached its seniority at a time when Girard College was undergoing the greatest change in her history. Vast improvements were being introduced; a new system was being inaugurated which split up the formerly existing divisions into new and far differently organized groups. It was a system which demanded leadership from the senior class and cooperation from all.

The Class of January 1928 was impressed with its responsibilities, responsibilities which had confronted no former senior class. The task was a huge one, and the Class plunged into its duties with a spirit and a desire to succeed. To mention the successes and trials of the Class is undesirable and unnecessary in this place. Suffice it to say that the Class did its utmost to launch the new system as successfully and as happily as possible.

### C. M. T. C. Representatives

Among the attainments of the individual members of the Class was our representation at the Citizens' Military Training Camps during the summer of 1927. Due to military training at the College, practically all of the group were corporals, the only exceptions being Joseph Lennox, who was the first "red" candidate ever to become a Sergeant; and Robert Kugler, who, because he joined the cavalry, was a private. The representatives of the Class certainly proved themselves marksmen. Joseph Di Renza and Robert Kugler both won medals for sharpshooting, while Jonathan Kistler and Joseph Lennox captured marksmanship bars, that of the latter being with the automatic rifle. Lester Adams' training with the College swimming team proved to be quite valuable, for it brought him a life-saving certificate and emblem. LaVerne Harding received a medal for being the best "red" candidate in his company. In addition to taking a sharpshooter's medal, Joseph DiRenza made a spectacular attempt to win the boxing championship of Fort Howard. He was finally stopped by the champion boxer of Berks County, Pennsylvania, after a gruel-

ling match. A gold medal for first place in the javelin throw was awarded Vernon Hesser, while Jonathan Kistler took third place in the tennis finals at the same camp. It is quite apparent therefore that the members of the Class at the several camps surely made an enviable record individually and as a group, every one of them winning some distinction.

### **Miscellaneous Honors**

Two other members also brought miscellaneous honors to the School and Class in outside competition when they captured prizes in the annual Philadelphia Boy Week events against hundreds of boys from all parts of the city. Dayton Froelich won a special prize of an album for his stamp collection in 1926, and in 1927 he was awarded a gold penknife for second prize in the exhibition of water colors. Arthur Nackman won second prize and a silver loving cup for his exhibition of stamps in 1926, and in 1927 a silver medal for capturing second place in the chinning contest.

When Robert Burleigh went home to Chinchilla last summer, he entered a tennis contest in Scranton. The result was that he and his partner each won a silver loving cup as the Junior Doubles Championship Team of Scranton.

### **Declamation and Play**

As well as capturing laurels outside the College, the Class also distinguished itself within the ivy-covered walls. A matter of unusual occurrence was that in the Declamation Contest the entries of the graduating class carried off all the prizes, and every entry received a prize save one who received "honorable mention." Such a sweeping victory is truly praiseworthy.

Due to the fact that at the time of the annual Senior Play ours was the lower senior class, relatively few of the cast of "Romeo and Juliet" were of January 1928. A very creditable showing, however, was made by those few. Lester Adams took the part of Samson excellently; Frank Balas portrayed Juliet's old nurse to a hilarious degree; Louis Heavner played the role of Peter very cleverly; Frank Smith made a fine Gregory.

### **Student Publications**

The literarily-inclined of the class were unable to find a great enough outlet for their tendencies in the "Magazine"; consequently, they founded "The Girard News," the paper which has so ably filled the former need in Girard for a record and publication of items of timely interest to the School. The five of them, Arthur Nackman, Charles Pealer, John Schuck, Jonathan Kistler, and Alfred Lisi, can well be proud of the results of their efforts.

The idea of "The Commencement Record" did not originate with any member of our Class. To all concerned with the "Record," the Class of January 1928 wishes to make known its appreciation for the suggestion that has resulted in breaking the long established precedent of including the history of the graduating class in "The Girard Magazine."

### Regret

The portals of Girard swing open. The Class of January 1928 must depart. We leave with much regret, for our stay has been a very pleasant one, and our love and respect for Girard College has increased as the years rolled by. We believe that we have made a worthy record as a class, and we hope that we have furthered the morale of the institution. When we realize what Girard has done for us, it is our earnest desire that our great School may have, somehow, in some way, benefited by our having been here.

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### Oyez!

*Out of the darkness comes a tapping—  
The tapping of a staff on cobblestones.  
Out of the darkness comes a quivering flash—  
The flash of light from a brass-bound lanthorn.  
A faint bustle on the street beneath—  
The trying of doors—the slamming of gates.  
And the lanthorn shadows ghostly figures on the ceiling,  
But the staff is prone to drive away the fears.*

*Then from without:*

*“Three by the glass, Mynherrs—  
A fair morning, and all’s well.”*

*Again we hear the distant tapping of the staff  
Like a lonesome dropping, dropping from the eaves.*

*So, guided by the light of wise instruction  
And supported by the staff of youthful courage,  
The Class of January, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-eight  
Wends its way  
Into a new morning.*

*Jonathan H. Kistler, Jan. '28*

